

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated May 16, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 5 and 6 are hereby canceled. Accordingly, claims 2, 3, 8-14, 16, and 17 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-3, 12-14, and 16-17.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 6, 8, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,144,353 to McKnight ("McKnight"). Claims 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McKnight in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,310,616 to Yanagi ("Yanagi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. As claims 5 and 6 have been canceled, their rejection is now moot.

The rejection of claim 8 under U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 8 is allowable over the cited references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, "applying a reset voltage to all liquid crystal cells of the liquid crystal display device to reset the liquid crystal display device, wherein the reset voltage is a gate high voltage simultaneously applied to gate electrode lines of the liquid crystal display device". McKnight does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. The portions of McKnight that the Examiner cites are directed to using the common electrode to reset the liquid crystal cell, and nowhere does McKnight teach a reset voltage that is a gate high voltage simultaneously applied to gate electrode lines of the liquid crystal display device. Therefore, claim 8 is allowable over McKnight.

The rejection of claim 9 under U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claim 9 is allowable over the cited references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, "voltage selecting means for selecting". McKnight does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention.

Nowhere does the Examiner identify the voltage selecting means in McKnight. Therefore, claim 9 is allowable over McKnight.

The rejection of claims 10 and 11 under U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 10 and 11 are allowable over the cited references in that this claim recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a voltage amplifier for amplifying an input control signal having a specific logical state only in a reset interval when liquid crystal cells of the liquid crystal display device are reset, the amplified input control signal to be applied to a common electrode of the liquid crystal display device". McKnight does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention as stated by the examiner, nor does Yanagi cure this deficiency. While Yanagi may disclose a voltage amplifier, neither McKnight or Yanagi disclose a voltage amplifier that amplifies an input control signal only in a reset interval. Therefore, claims 10 and 11 are allowable over McKnight.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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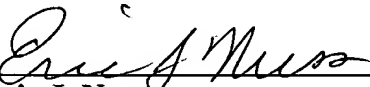
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If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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